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Little birds sit on barbed wire fences.  
Children scratch their troubles away  
With broken sticks of faded yellow chalk.  
Chiseling their dreams  
Onto the stained sidewalk.  
Police say it's just a step closer to graffiti  
And to wash the filth away.  
But everyone's a child waiting for playtime  
And there ain't enough liquid  
To drown out integrity.